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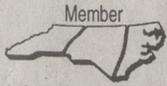
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## College bond vote Tuesday

Kings Mountain and No. 4 Township voters will join their Cleveland County neighbors at the polls Tuesday to decide a special bond referendum for Cleveland Community College.

Polls open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m. at The National Guard Armory, West Kings Mountain Precinct; Kings Mountain Community Center, East Kings Mountain Precinct; Grover Precinct at Town Hall; Bethware Precinct at David Baptist Church Fellowship Building; and Waco Precinct at Waco Town Hall.

Elections Board Supervisor Debra Blanton predicts that 20 percent of the county's registered voters of 49,500 will go to the polls.

Voters will make a decision on whether to issue \$3.1 million in bonds for constructing, renovating, remodeling, equipping and furnishing buildings and other facilities for Cleveland Community College.

One or more classroom buildings and an emergency services training center are proposed in the bond package. The bonds would also pay for the necessary land for the additions.

The Cleveland County Volunteer Fire Department will post election night results. This election will be the first time that unofficial election night results will be placed on the Internet. As totals are entered into the computer they will automatically be sent out via modem. The Internet address is: WWW.Co.Cleveland.NC.US



**LANDSCAPING PROJECT** - Tyrone Scott, left, and David Green fill in the sidewalk in front of City Hall where they plan to landscape with flowers this spring.

## Former Councilman Jim Amos dies

James Edward Amos, 74, was an expert at figures.

His former colleagues at the old Margrace Mill remember his years of service as comptroller when the mill was sold to a New York firm that planned to liquidate a year after they took over.

"Dad worked hard to make a profit and the mill remained for 13 more years," said his son, Jim.

As comptroller of the Margrace, the senior Amos also worked the books for Massachusetts Mohair's six mills from Ohio to the Coast.

"His life was with the Margrace," said young Jim of his father's tenure as an accountant that began at National

Cash Register in Charlotte after he graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. After the Margrace closed, he went to work at the Craftspun.

Amos also owned The Little Moo on York Road for 10 years. When that business burned in 1976, he physically rebuilt it and turned it into a tax and accounting business that flourished. About six months ago he moved the business to his home and continued to work until two months ago when he became ill with a rare cancer and died Sunday in Bowman Gray Medical Center in Winston-Salem.

Amos served four years on the Kings Mountain City

Council during the Moss Administration. He was a big supporter of the city's plans to build Moss Lake and was proud and took his young son to the lake and dam on several occasions.

After his first term at City Hall Amos said he had no plans to return to politics. "Once is enough," he said, chuckling during an interview in his office where taxwork and papers were spread out.

Amos liked to do carpentry work in his spare time and mechanical things were hobbies along with piano and banjo. He played around on the piano, said his son, and family was im-

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**Jim Amos** was expert on books and figures

## KM couple rank high in Guard

Ernie and Beverly Brockman are Mr. and Mrs. in private life but in the National Guard they are top brass. He is a Brigadier General and his lady is a Major.

The Kings Mountain couple have an impressive record of 54 years in the military, including long service with the National Guard. Their marriage began 14 years ago after they were introduced at a Guard meeting in Charlotte.

And, no, in the Guard the Major doesn't take orders from the General. She's in a different outfit.

Major Brockman was on active duty with the Women's Army Corps from 1973-76 and then joined the National Guard in Charlotte.

General Brockman began his impressive military career as an enlisted soldier in December 1967 at Fort Jackson, SC and graduated from the Army Engineer Officer Candidate School in Fort Belvoir, Va. in December 1968. He was then stationed in Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. and in August 1969 shipped out as a platoon leader in Company B, 577th Engineer

Battalion to the Republic of Vietnam where he was released from active duty Sept. 8, 1970 to attend school. His service in the Guard as a First Lieutenant in August 1973 was a stepping stone to his present career status.

Promoted from E/5 through the ranks, he commands a Guard membership of 2,000 in the 30th Engineer Brigade Theater Army.

"We enjoy the National Guard," says the General who got his stars during a recent pinning ceremony in Raleigh by Major General Gerald A. Rudisill Jr., the Adjutant General of North Carolina.

The couple chose Kings Mountain to live after they became friends with Bob and Judy Wilson and Billy and Linda King. They liked Kings Mountain's close proximity to Charlotte and the small town atmosphere, moving here from nearby Shelby.

Bob Wilson, who has retired from the Guard, actually signed up the General and officiated at his swearing in ceremony in Charlotte. The Wilsons, the

Kings and Mr. and Mrs. Jay Rhodes went to Raleigh for the pinning ceremonies and for the reception the Brockmans hosted for 200 people afterwards.

"You might say that go is our middle name," laughed Mrs. Brockman, the former Beverly Revis of Henderson County.

They like to travel and are constantly on the move, either for their work assignments or for the National Guard. They also visit families who live out-of-state and in free time work out at a fitness center and Ernie takes to the controls of a plane. The General has his pilot's license and loves to fly.

"We also have military training and try to juggle in visits in between to our folks and to Ernie's two sons and their families," says Beverly.

Beverly went to school on the GI Bill and on the Guard's Montgomery GI Bill which has a tuition assistance program. To attain her rank, she had to complete both civilian and military education requirements, qualify with weapons and pass a fitness test by the Guard's standards. It took hard work and education

and Guardsmen and Guardswomen are evaluated on regular basis. She works in a staff position in the State Headquarters Unit in Raleigh at least three days a week and will complete 24 years with the military in August. She was a flight operations specialist in the WACS and completed two years of college in service. She earned her degree from the University of Puget Sound in Washington State. She has been purchasing agent for Lance Company in Charlotte four years.

To attain his rank of Brigadier General with one star, Brockman completed ranks from E-1 through E-5, and obtained a direct command to Second Lieutenant, then First Lieutenant, Captain and Major. He is beginning his 30th year with the military and has no plans for retirement.

Recently General Brockman was at a Guard conference in Missouri and then returned home to pack again for a Duke Power engineering conference

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## Clary calls halt to annexation plans at lake

### Legislator is protesting user fees

By ELIZABETH STEWART  
of the Herald Staff



NEISLER

CLARY

The battle lines are apparently drawn in a heated controversy over the city's plans to annex its own land at Moss Lake between State Legislator Debbie Clary, backed by other Moss Lake residents who have joined the furor about new user fees, and Mayor Scott Neisler.

Clary (R) of Cleveland County said Tuesday she will call for a full state audit of the city's finances.

Both Neisler and City Manager Jimmy Maney said she's welcome to do just that because the records are public information. "We have an audit every year," said Maney.

Clary, who owns lakefront property at city-owned Moss Lake, said she is particularly concerned about how fees collected from Moss Lake residents are spent.

The lawmaker has withdrawn her support of local House bill 777 by Kings Mountain officials to satellite annex land at Moss Lake, a move that Neisler calls political blackmail. The bill had originally had the support of Clary and Rep. John Weatherly (R) who also owns property at Moss Lake, and Rep. Andy Dedmon, (D).

Weatherly said Tuesday that there had been no voiced opposition to Kings Mountain's plans to satellite annex its property at the lake until the city announced it was raising user fees effective July 1. "This is an unrelated issue in my opinion," he said.

Clary has been adamant in her position which she said has come from calls from her constituents on the lake.

Neisler says Clary's constituents also include the nearly 10,000 residents of Kings Mountain.

Neisler got the okay from neighboring towns closer to the lake and the county board of commissioners to seek the annexation of a strip of land around the lake which allows the city to control use of the waterfront. That strip, plus land holding the water pump station, is not a part of the city but would be if the bill passed.

"Homeowners perceive this step by Kings Mountain to further control their property and the point is that the city has been spending less than 63 percent of the fees collected on safety and environmental concerns at the lake," said Clary.

The furor over the fees has escalated with Clary and Mike Bolt of Shelby leading the opposition efforts.

"You don't supplement the Kings Mountain general fund with fees from homeowners at the lake," said Clary who said the mayor said the board's "mentality is to put a higher fee on those rich people at the lake and not raise taxes on the poor people in Kings Mountain." Neisler denied the statement.

Clary said lake property owners are hopping mad that they would be expected to pay for lifeguards for the public swimming areas. "I never see any lifeguards on my deck," she said.

"It's not fair that our money is going into the general fund so that Kings Mountain won't have to raise taxes," she said.

Bolt said he agrees with Clary that daily user fees should not support the public access area and that the city needs to take

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**TOP BRASS** - Beverly and Ernie Brockman have an impressive record of military service. The lady of the house is a Major and the man of the house is a Brigadier General in the North Carolina National Guard.